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Coming political events are beginning to cast their shadows. Senator Guy Cordon is now in Oregon to close up his private business affairs so he can settle down to be a United States senator for the next ten months. However, the wise men say that he is in Oregon to wind up his affairs. Cordon will also take time out to announce his candidacy for the four year unexpired term of the late Senator Charles L. McNary. So, if everything works out as per schedule, Senator Cordon will be at least one candidate against ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague for the G.O.P. nomination in the primary election May 19.

In Washington state at this early date the political shadow of ex-Governor Clarence Martin (D) is casting in the direction of congress. Latest inside dope has it that the ex-governor will try to unseat Walt Horan (R) of the fifth (Spokane) district. But other politicians say it will be the U.S. senate or the governorship at which Mr. Martin will shoot. Make no mistake about it, the boys are now girding their loins for the coming fray.

Even some of the G.O.P. old guard now think it was a mistake when they elected Mr. Harrison Spangler of Grand Rapids, Iowa, who is one of them, as the big chief of the Republican party (national chairman) over the young, progressive and politically astute Frederick Baker of Seattle, who is Washington national committeeman. Mr. Baker and Werner Schroeder of Chicago ran a dead heat when the G.O.P. big-wigs gathered to elect their new national chairman last year, but to maintain party harmony both men stepped out of the way after the second ballot for Mr. Spangler, who was a very poor third. However, since taking over the reins of the elephant Mr. Spangler has caused the Republicans considerable grief because of several bad political blunders. The liberal wing of the party can't see Mr. Spangler at all and some of the old guard are developing a good case of jitters because of more boners he might pull between now and national convention time.

As this column predicted some time ago, a national compulsory military training bill for the teen aged is now ready for the house hopper. Both army and navy high command are strong for such legislation and have been buttonholing the lawmakers on the subject for quite some time. The bigwigs now think they have enough votes to put the measure over in both houses. Some of the law makers are trying to persuade the military that such legislation should be put off until after the November election, or until after the war, but the brass hats don't think so. Before the war even the thought of such legislation would have been political dynamite, but not now. During world war No. 1 the same ideas were advanced, but it was decided to wait until after the conflict, which proved wrong. The many peace organizations and flocks of other groups opposed to any more wars jumped on such proposals with both feet and also on the congressmen who sponsored the bill. So the top hands of the army and navy are not going to make the same mistake again, by waiting. They believe the public will strongly support such a bill now—so why wait.

A very mild winter in the northwest saved the householders from what might have been a serious fuel shortage. With more wood and sawdust than any other

Bond Campaign Results Show Sherman First

E Bond Purchases Greatest Of Any County On Per Capita Basis

The final report on the Fourth War Loan has been distributed by the state committee. It shows some change from the preliminary report of a few days ago.

Sherman county has dropped to fourth place in the standings as to percentage of quota sold. This is high when it is considered that Sherman county had a much higher quota than any of the other counties on a per capita basis.

In purchases per capita Sherman county again led all the rest with sales of E bonds of \$104.98. Gilliam was second with per capita purchases of \$71.15, followed by Jefferson with \$70.75, Morrow with \$64.60, Harney with \$60.22 and Multnomah with \$49.77.

In the third war loan Gilliam was second, but the standings differ from there on down. Sherman county citizens bought \$98.81 in E bonds in the Third War Loan. This makes the average per capita purchase of E bonds in the two campaigns \$100.87, a mark far greater than that of any other county known to the state committee.

The state average of per capita sales of E bonds was \$37.97 as compared to average sales of \$31.57 in the third drive.

Quotas are set by the committee on a basis of income, bank deposits and other financial factors. That a county is given a high per capita quota indicates that the committee recognizes its favorable position. The real indicator of a county's participation in the war effort, however, is its purchase of E bonds, which are the average man's normal bond purchase. E bonds are bought by associations and clubs generally and G bonds by those who wish to obtain an immediate income from their investment.

The treasury certificates, of one kind or another are most often bought by corporations or those who are making a pre-payment on income taxes by buying C bonds. The E bonds are the most direct and lasting purchase for financing the war.

David Reid Decides To File Again

David Reid, county commissioner, now in the fourth year of his second term, Wednesday evening announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Reid, republican, represents the north end of the county on the court according to an old division of the county in court representation. Whether or not others will file for the office is not known.

There has been an effort to obtain filings for precinct committeeman and committeewoman this year in order that the parties may be better organized. Much work of election boards might be obviated if filings were made as write-ins would be decreased.

WHO MUST FILE DECLARATIONS

The following persons must file a declaration of estimated income and victory tax for 1944 on or before April 15—single persons (or married persons who have separated) who expect to receive more than \$2,700 of wages subject to withholding or more than \$100 income from all other sources. provided that their combined total income is expected to be \$500 or more; married persons if they expect to receive more than \$3,500 of wages subject to withholding or more than \$100 income from all other sources. provided that their combined total income is expected to be more than \$1,200 or more or his, total separate income is expected to be more than \$624. Blank forms are to be distributed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue late in March.

Gilliam-Sherman Counties Confer On Crickets

A delegation from Gilliam county, two men from the federal bureau of entomology and the Sherman county cricket committee met at the court house Wednesday afternoon to talk about how to kill the crickets that are expected to begin their march on the wheat fields next month.

The federal men were concerned about a landing spot for the plane, about reasonably settled weather in which to fly and about getting sawdust to prepare the bait. Many of these questions will have to be decided later.

Lloyd Cowden of the bureau said that it was desirable to catch the crickets when they were in a migrating period as they could be killed easier then than when in a quiescent period. He said that crickets could be killed anytime satisfactorily before egg laying began.

It is expected that 10,000 acres in Gilliam county and a like number in this county will be baited by plane. Obtaining the plane is still a matter to be decided by the joint committee.

Present were Ike Weatherford, John Krebs, Joe Woelper and Cal Monroe from Gilliam county, Mr. Cowden and C. W. Sheekley of the bureau and Ross Guilford, Kenneth Fridley, Geo. Drinkard, George Fox and Ormand Hilderbrand of the Sherman county committee and LeRoy Wright and Judge Wilson.

Newspaper Men To Honor Dean Allen

Oregon newspaper men will join the university community Sunday, March 19, in a memorial service honoring Eric W. Allen, nationally known dean of the University of Oregon School of Journalism, who died March 5. The hour has been set tentatively for 3 p. m. and the auditorium of the music school on the campus will be the scene of the services.

A program of short addresses by representatives of the press, the deans of schools at the university, people of Eugene and of the student body, is in process of arrangement.

Dean Allen started the university's first courses in journalism in the fall of 1912, and the whole growth of the small department into a large and important school was under his leadership and direction.

NEW FARM GASOLINE RULES

To aid in the drive against the black market in gasoline, the OPA announced that after April 1 the five-gallon "R" coupon will be invalid at filling stations and may be used only by those who buy gasoline at bulk plants or who have it delivered into tanks on their premises. Farmers buying most of their gasoline at filling stations have until April 1 to exchange at local boards their "R" coupons for "E" coupons in all cases must be endorsed whether for gasoline delivered into storage tanks or picked up at filling stations. However, to ease the task of endorsing these coupons, the consumer buying a large quantity of gasoline may endorse a whole strip or block of coupons with a single signature and address written across the required number of coupons given as a unit for his single purchase. For one gallon of gasoline he continues to endorse one "E" coupon.

GAS FOR "VICTORY" GARDENERS

The amount of gasoline that Victory gardeners will rate this year has not yet been set, according to the district OPA, but word has been received that some special allotment will probably be made. Last year, beginning May 1 Victory gardeners who cultivated a vegetable garden of at least 1,500 square feet were allowed a total of 300 miles of gasoline for a six-months period.

Farmers Plans Indicate Much More Wheat

Reduction In Barley and Crested Wheat Grass Makes Room For Wheat Acres

The tabulation of farm plans as made by the AAA from figures given it by the farmers themselves shows clearly the intent as to 1944 production in Sherman county.

There will be more wheat, 112,000 acres instead of the 88,000 of 1943. Acreage for this comes from the large barley acreage of last year some from land planted to oats, a little taken out of crested wheat grass.

This summer Sherman county farmers expect to have 844 acres of alfalfa, an increase from the 663 of last year. It is certainly the greatest alfalfa acreage the county has had.

To judge from the intentions as shown in the compilation Sherman county farmers will keep fewer cattle, fewer sheep, fewer milk cows, but slightly more poultry. There is no estimate given on hogs but 397 sows will farrow against 512 last spring which indicates a reduction of about 25 percent in total hog numbers.

The farm practices that will bring in cash from the government will be less extensive in 1944, according to the report. Total income from the government will be less than \$100,000, a sum much smaller than county farmers have been getting from the federal government for work on practices. Lack of labor is thought to be the reducing factor.

The compilation follows:

Crop	1943	A
Potatoes, over 1/4 A. plot	27.1	
Wheat	88,033.3	
Barley	16,289.2	
Oats	2,196.0	
Alfalfa Hay	663.8	
Other Hay	4650.8	
Crested Wheat Grass	32,800.9	
Seeded Pasture	2259.4	
Idle Cropland	4203.0	
Miscellaneous	333.0	
Summerfallow	118,460.7	
Crop	1944	A
Potatoes	17.9	
Wheat	112,533.7	
Barley	3,387.5	
Oats	436.7	
Alfalfa Hay	844.6	
Other Hay	5538.8	
Crested Wheat Grass	27,610.3	
Seeded Pasture	1422.5	
Idle Cropland	2159.1	
Miscellaneous	135.1	
Summerfallow	115,810.8	

Kind	1943	1944
Cattle	11,547	11,097
Milk cows	948	733
Sheep	2,205	1,940
Hens & pullets	18,717	19,938
Hogs	4,258	no. est.
Sows farrow' shg.	512	397
Sows farrow fall	322	278
Chickens grown	22,329	21,199
Turkeys grown	162	138

PROPOSED PRACTICE INCOME	
Protected fallow	\$78,031.67
Range, wells, spgs, dams.	2,950.03
Renovation of grass	9,718.78
Weed control	16,386.80
Seeding C.W. grass	120.00

LEND-LEASE SHIPMENTS

Lend-lease shipments totaled 11,488,000 pounds in 1943 or about double the deliveries of the previous year. Quantities laid down at shinside during December totaled 900,000,000 pounds compared with 1,015,000,000 pounds in November and 1,115,000,000 lbs in October. December deliveries consisted of 19 percent sugar, 22 percent dairy products, 3 percent dried eggs, 11 percent fats and oil (excluding butter), 4 percent fruit, 8 percent vegetables; 17 percent grain and feeds; 3 percent miscellaneous food stuffs one percent on-food stuffs. Destinations of December deliveries were British Empire, 42 percent; Russia, 51 percent; North Africa, 5 percent; Greece, West Africa and the Netherlands combined, 2 percent.

Milestones on Road to Eternal City



Their helmets and rifles mark the graves of three British Tommies, killed in the bitter fighting near the town of Castellote on the Carigliano front in Italy. The road to Rome is well marked with such tragic mile stones, some German, some British, some French, and some American.

Service Flag Proposal Starts Name Gathering Campaign

The following list has been made up in an attempt to determine the number of stars the service flag of the Moro school should contain. It is a list of those who have sometime attended the Moro school and who are now in the service. The status of Mary Hazen, Virginia Murray and Claudine Thompson, nurses training students, has not been decided.

Orval Thogerson, Rolla Thogerson, George DeMoss, Lloyd Kelley, Herbert James Robinson, Norman Adams, Billy and Bobby Axtell, Melvin Baker, Winifred Baker, Max Belshe, Elmer Belshe, Max Barzee, Harold Belshe, Shirley Chapman, Robert Christianson, Warren Morgan, Howard Conlee, Marcus Eslinger, Austin Foss, Wyman French, Vernon Futter, Ronald Gentry, Lloyd Henrichs, Dale Johnson, Clifford Kenny, Glen Kennv, Frank Lutje, George Martin, Millard Melzer, Vernon Melzer, Linden Mersinger, David McLeod Helen Morrison, Lyle Naan, James Noonan, Lloyd Noonan, Donald Barnes, Farrell Barr, Darold Belshe, Donald Burnet, Ardith Cochran, Marius Douma, Gordon Fraser, Paul Fraser, Tom Fraser, Johnnie Gentry, Lewis Hastings, Lloyd Johnson, Keith

Farm Work Slowed By Cold Weather

Farm work suffered a severe handicap early this week when the thermometer dropped to 20 degrees Sunday night and 16 Monday night to stiffen the ground so farming could be carried on only a few hours in the afternoon. Sixteen degrees is almost as cold as it became at any time during the winter, 13 and 14 degree temperatures being recorded on one or two occasions. E. Harvey Miller, AAA field man, reported that at Heppner the temperature was 7 degrees, actually the coldest of the entire winter. In addition to the cold nights the days were kept cold by an east wind. At the end of the week there was indications that warmer weather might be in the offing.

High school students who will be graduated under 18 and who qualified in the March 15 examinations for pre-induction college training at army expense will profit by this opportunity even though their stay in college may be only six or nine months, believes President A. L. Strand. The time spent in college will not only give them a start in postwar training but will also provide an easier break from home ties than would going directly to a military camp, he says.

County Passes Quota In Red Cross Drive

High Per capita Quota Passed In Almost Record Time By Generous Citizens

Sherman county is over the top in the Red Cross drive according to a report made Wednesday by Roy Powell, drive chairman, through Dewey Thompson, secretary of the chapter.

Sherman county's quota was \$4100, highest per capita quota of any county in the state, but it was raised in near record time.

Solicitors whose work made the record possible were Clarence Sparling, Roy Powell, Naomi Van Gilder, Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Walter Blau, Rev. F. L. Cannell, Dean Reynolds, Dorothea Moore, Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, A. A. Dunlap, Ted Ball, Frank von Borstel, Mrs. George Wilson, C. A. Tom, Mrs. Archie Gosson, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Lois Hilderbrand and F. M. Alley.

A little over half of these have turned in their collections but preliminary reports from the others indicate that the county has gone over the quota by about ten percent.

This does not mean that the campaign has ended for the solicitors will see every resident of the county in order to give all an opportunity to do their part in supporting the organization that does so much for relief throughout the entire world.

Because of the departure of Miss May Hurst, Mrs. Donalds Knight has been named as production chairman for the Red Cross, and will direct the work to be done.

R A Stow Tells Many Jobs

R. A. Stow, in his appearance over Northwest Neighbors, in Portland last Wednesday night, qualified himself for many trades. Local citizens can probably find more occupations than "Bob" has been engaged in, but for the radio audience he admitted farming, sickle and saw grinding, pipe cutting, auto parts, scissor grinding, gumming saws, pulling teeth, admitted to having served as obstetrician, marrying couples, shoe repair, shoe horses, wagon making, carpenter, fitting eye glasses, former town marshal, justice of the peace, water witching.

Time must have prevented him from getting in a mention of some of his other activities that have kept him busy during about 80 years of most active existence, but reports are that he made a good enough impression on his audience that he may now add radio broadcasting to his numerous lines of activity.

Sherman Countians Get Over \$10,000

Refunds for gasoline purchased for use other than highway purposes amounted to \$1,750,497.44 for the year 1943, Secretary of State Bob Farrell said. The refund consists of the five cent state tax per gallon of gasoline bought in this state.

On the basis of the refund, it was shown that gasoline used for farm purposes in Oregon during the year amounted to 12,987,290 gallons, while 1,080,231 gallons were used for marine purposes, mostly fishing, 10,896,522 gallons for lumbering and 2,180,077 by cities and counties.

Counties receiving the greatest amounts for farm uses were Marion, \$67,889.77; Linn, \$58,588.97; and Umatilla \$49,624.61. The counties with the greatest refunds for lumbering were Lane, \$69,076.97; Klamath, \$50,955.42; and Douglas \$35,958.43.

Sherman county received \$10,014.29; Gilliam \$11,428.43; Morrow \$14,904.48 and Wheeler \$8,569.98.